

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Helen Keller, June 5, 1908, with transcript

HELEN KELLER. Copy of a letter-press copy of a letter from ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL to Helen Keller concerning the flights of the flying-machine built by the Aerial Experiment Association. 1331 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C., June 5, 1908. Miss Helen Keller, Wrentham, Massachusetts. Dear Helen:

I was much pleased to receive your note of the 21st ultimo, and to know that you had heard of our successes in Hammondport, New York.

The Aerial Experiment Association has built two aero-dromes. Drome No. 1, Selfridge's Red Wing, which made two successful flights in the air before it was smashed. Mr. F. W. Balwin being the aviator. Drome No. 2. Balwin's White Wing, which made five successful flights before its career was ended. Mr. Balwin made one flight; Lieut. Selfridge two flights; Mr. Curtiss one flight of 1100 feet, at a height of ten feet in the air; and Mr. McCurdy one flight of 600 feet, which ended with a smash. None of the aviators have been hurt. Drome No. 3. Mr. Curtiss's "Four-leaved Clover", I think he means to call it, is now almost ready for trial, and you will probably hear about it in the newspapers in a few days.

My own aerodrome has not yet been completed, but I expect to try it at Beinn Bhreagh during the course of the summer.

Your loving friend, Alexander Graham Bell.